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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Rathenow Move to Altengrabow.

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- On the afternoon of 15 April 1951, a train of 6 boxcars, 1 coach and 46 freight cars, was loaded in Rathenow (N 53/2 15). The boxcars were loaded with officers and men with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Railroad personnel said that there were 35 to 40 men in each boxcar. The coach was occupied by German personnel of both sexes, who would allegedly be relieved after 6 weeks. The 46 freight cars were loaded with 2 trucks 14 trucks having billeting equipment which, according to the trucks shuttling had come from the Pionier Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne. The train was bound for Altengrabow. 50X1-HUM
- Troops with trucks and heavy mortars from the Infanterie Kaserne were loaded on three train sections between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on 16 April. The first train section consisted of 15 freight cars, each carrying one mortar and one truck and seven freight cars loaded with trucks The second train section consisted of 28 freight cars, each carrying a truck The third train section consisted of six boxcars, each of which was boarded by 30 to 40 officers and men wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, and seven boxcars loaded with ration supplies and other equipment. At the same time, another train was loaded with about 60 guns of about 105-mm with split-trail carriages, from the Pionier Kaserne. 50X1-HUM
The trains left Rathenow during the night of 17 April, heading toward Altengrabow. 50X1-HUM
- Artillery troops from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne were loaded at Rathenow railroad station between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 18 April. Fifteen freight cars were each loaded a 120-mm gun with split-trail carriage and one prime mover. On another track fifteen flatcars were loaded with 30 other guns: fifty flatcars with trucks 6 boxcars carrying officers and enlisted personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia; and 7 boxcars loaded with ammunition were observed. The railroad cars were subsequently assembled into two trains and left toward Altengrabow on the morning of 19 April. 50X1-HUM

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4. A train of 15 freight cars, each carrying a gun and a prime mover [redacted] 5 boxcars carrying officers and N wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia; and an undetermined number of flatcars, carrying 22 trucks [redacted] was loaded between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 19 April. The train was dispatched toward Altengrabow on the morning of 20 April.

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5. A trail of an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 30 mortars of about 120-mm and 42 trucks [redacted] and 4 boxcars carrying officers and N wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, was loaded at noon on 20 April. It could not be determined from which barracks installation the troops had come.

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6. [redacted] seven troop trains were dispatched from Rathenow-North railroad station to Altengrabow between 5 and 20 April. Orders for the assembling of these trains specified that boxcar-space for 1,200 troops was required. [redacted] the troops would not return to Rathenow before six months.

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7. [redacted] motor convoys had left for Altengrabow during the nights of 15 to 20 April. *

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- * Comment. [redacted] troops of the 6th Army Div from the Rathenow area went to Altengrabow. [redacted] eight trains belonging to this movement from 12 to 20 April. [redacted] A total of about 800 officers and men, 100 artillery pieces, rocket launchers and heavy mortars and about 100 trucks were transported. [redacted]

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